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"BEAUTY AND THE BEEF"-APRIL 30th

Band Concert Friday Evening

This coming Friday, April 2, at 8 P. M., the Agawam High School band, under the direction of Mr. Howard Crotty, will present their annual Band Concert in the high school auditorium.

The program will be highlighted by such numbers as: "A Tribute to Romberge," "I Believe," "El Capitan March," and last, but not least, selections from "Kismet."

The Agawam High School major-ets will present an exhibition of baton twirling. They are under the leadership of Barbara Cheney.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Hayes, will sing: "Oklahoma," "Where in the World," and "March of the Piers."

Everyone has been hard at work to perfect all the numbers, so let's have a large crowd there Friday evening.

Senior Girls Win Again

Congratulations to the senior girls! Tuesday, March 9, the senior girls defeated the freshman in one of the best games of the girls' basketball season. The freshmen girls put up an unusually good battle considering that the senior girls have had three years more experience. The team was composed of the following players: Mary Pond, Nancy Hallock, Delores Luccardi, Shirley Mutti, Judy Slate, Lourdes Dumond, Jean Maule, Rhoda Dickinson, Cecily Danforth, Frances Willard, Elizabeth Langlois, Julie Mercier, Marilyn Wilson, Sandra Kelly, Theresa Morassi.

YOUR MIRROR

As you know, of course, this paper is for your benefit. Through this publication you can and will be informed of the activities and news in the school. If you—the students, or the teachers—want anything special printed in the MIRROR, you need only contact your editor, Theresa Morassi in Room 13, or your assistant editor, Betty Behrens in Room 24, and we will do the rest. Support your MIRROR!

SENIOR PLAY



A rehearsal scene from "Beauty and the Beef," left to right: Barbara Cheney, Elizabeth Langlois, John Cardone, Lucia Alfano, Don Marsian, Vaughan Kelly and Marilyn Wilson.

JAMES REARDON AWARDED BAY STATE FARMER DEGREE

James Reardon, president of the Agawam F.F.A. Chapter, was presented with the Bay State Farmer Degree on March 20, 1954, at the State F.F.A. Convention in Amherst, Mass. Jim was an Agawam delegate to the convention with Bill Rhodes. Jim also placed third in the State Efficient Milk Production contest, receiving an award of thirty dollars.

Clyde Light—State Champion

Also at the convention, Clyde Light placed first in the State Farm Mechanics contest. This makes the third straight year that Clyde has held this position. The contest included (1) tool identification, (2) tractor and equipment identification, (3) electrical wiring exercises. Making the trip with Clyde were Bill Fearn and Stanley Osowiecki.

Agawam Exhibit Places 2nd

Agawam's striking exhibit, displaying national and chapter colors, along with the Gold Emblem Plaque, placed second at the convention.

West Springfield captured first place and Norfolk County Agriculture School, third. The exhibit was built by Bill Rhodes, Jim Reardon, Frank Moruzzi, and Avon Perkins.

F.F.A. State Officers Elected

Another bright spot at the convention was the election of the state officers. Ralph D'Amato was chosen as 2nd vice-president, and Jim Reardon, state reporter. Jim and Ralph were also placed on the state executive committee, the governing body of the state association. As you can see our F.F.A. Chapter certainly held its own at the state convention. The MIRROR congratulates the Agawam Future Farmers of America.

F.F.A. Banquet Huge Success

On March 15, 1954, the chapter held its annual Parent-Son banquet. It was in the capable hands of General Chairman Bill Rhodes. Highlights at the banquet were (1) pres-

"Beauty and the Beef," this year's annual Senior Play, is involved around seventeen year old Ginny Allen. Ginny is the smartest girl ever to graduate from the "Junior Quiz Program" and because of this, she is not very popular with the boys. The situations and predicaments which arise when the Allen family moves to Winnebago, Minnesota, and tries to keep Ginny's title unknown, provides for an evening of rollicking comedy.

Just to give you an example of what we mean, here is a scene from Act I.

Ginny: "Daddy, for five years the boys avoided me as if I were a library."

Les: "Why, they even acted as if I was a brain—and I'm only a distant relative."

Laura: (mother) "Lester, a brother isn't distant!"

Les: "At least I'm three years distant. Besides, if the fellas ever found out about her, I'd never make the band."

George: (father) "Band! What are you trying to do in a band?"

Les: "Just play the bass drum. Anybody can do that. You know—Boom! Boom! Boom!"

This is just one of the many times that the Allen family becomes involved in a situation ending in—well, come and see for yourself! Does Ginny finally lose her reputation? How does Franny Barton, the principal's daughter, make out? Where does Beef fit into the picture?

The following committee chairmen have been chosen to assist in making the Senior Play a "smash" hit: Art, Donaldine Roos; programs, Kay Parent; properties, Marjorie Magovern; publicity, Carol Flynn; sound effects, Matt Sulborski and Ralph D'Amato; stage crew, Frank Liberatore; tickets, Mary Pond; ushers, Betty Picard; wardrobe, Sandra Rivers and Joyce Sullivan.

DAFFYNITION

A small town is a place where everyone knows what everyone else is doing, but they read the local paper to see if they have been caught at it.

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Whose Problem?

Johnny Smith is in difficulty. His mother writes:

Dear Miss White:

Please don't misunderstand me, and take this as a criticism. I know that you are doing all that you can to help Johnny, but he is worried and has the feeling that he is going to fail in geometry. He is so anxious to pass, that I am sure that a failure would be a severe blow to self-confidence.

I am eager to help in any way possible. Is there extra work that we could help him with here at home? We shall be eager to try any plan that you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. A. Smith

Here is what Miss White could write, but probably didn't:

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I shall be frank with you about your son. Johnny has as much ability as anyone in his class, but responsibility to him is distasteful. He is inattentive during class discussions and contributes nothing to them. Most of the time he is trying to create attention for himself. If there is any disturbance in the class, you can be sure that Johnny is in the thick of it. His homework is untidy, and most often incomplete.

It appears to me that Johnny, hating responsibility as he does, is shifting it to you. He wants you to do both his work and worrying for him. Nothing would please Johnny more than to have me send work home for you to do. This I assure you is unnecessary as Johnny has both the time and opportunity here at school to solve his own problems. This is, to my knowledge, the best course for us to pursue.

I would be deeply grateful if you would impress this fact upon your son.

Sincerely,

Miss White

MASCULINE ANGLE

Ted: "I've walked home from school with her three times, and carried her books; I've bought ice cream cones twice, and taken her to a movie. Now don't you think I could kiss her?"

Ned: "Naw, you've done enough for her already."

Sour Note

The convicts have a band,
It's as bad as it can be;
They're familiar with the bars,
But cannot get the key.

Indians Perform In Assembly

On March 19, an excellent assembly was presented by five Agawam students. The group, consisting of John Hauser, Christopher Hodges, Jay Dickinson, Cathy Hauser, and Melinda Hodges, displayed a variety of authentic Indian tribal dances. This is the group of local fame, which has also presented a show on television.

Highlights of the assembly were the Fire Dance and the Eagle Dance by Johnny, and the Blanket Dance by Chris. The five Agawam Indians closed their very interesting assembly with an Indian council, with Johnny presiding as chief.

John and Chris have recently been inducted into the well-known Hosaga Indian tribe of Springfield College—a thrilling experience for both of them. Being a member of the Hosaga Tribe will enable the boys to take part in their ceremonies, and also to make use of their elaborate costumes.

It may be interesting to note that all the costumes worn by both the Hosaga Tribe and the Agawam group are handmade by the members of the group.

Congratulations for a wonderful performance!

Mr. Montagna Guest Speaker

Pro Merito pins were awarded in assembly on March 11, 1954, to 28 seniors—the largest Pro Merito group in Agawam's history.

Guest speaker at this assembly was Mr. Raymond Montagna, assistant principal of the High School of Commerce. Mr. Montagna is a former graduate and teacher at Agawam High School. While a student here, he was a three letter man and also the only male Pro Merito of his class. His speech was interesting and informative, emphasizing the importance of having a definite objective, and the seeking of that objective by persistence and determination.

Another bright spot on the program was the beautiful rendition of "Ave Maria" and "The Lost Chord" by the advanced voice class. The singers were Julie Mercier, Sandra Kelley, Susan Yeakel, Alice Harpin, Helena Roberts, Vaughn Kelly and Elliot Blackburn. They were directed by Miss Hayes, and accompanied by Sandra Zerra.

Johnny: "It's funny, ain't it, that everyone in our family's some kind of an animal?"

Father: "What do you mean?"

Johnny: "Why, Mother is a dear, and baby is a little lamb, and I'm the kid, and you're the goat."

Five Senior Girls Attend N.O.M.A. Conference

Five senior girls attended the National Office Management Association Monday, March 8. They were Shirley Mutti, Barbara Cheney, Joan DeMars, Carol Pallo, and Adrienne Grasso. Carol Pallo was selected to give a report on her visitation at the banquet that evening.

Each girl visited a different business concern in the Springfield area. Shirley visited the Old Colony Envelope Company; Joan, the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company; Adrienne, the Westinghouse Electric Corporation; Carol, the Union Trust Company; and Barbara, the American Bosch Corporation.

The tour was followed by a banquet and a panel discussion concerning business procedures.

Twenty girls from the junior and senior commercial class were invited to attend the evening program. The girls reported that they had an excellent day and evening.

Disc Platter

"A Fellow Needs a Girl"—Roger Phaneuf

"Can Anyone Explain"—Solid Geometry

"Till We Two Are One"—Roger and Franny

"A Girl, A Girl"—Paul, Carlo, and Ralph

"You Made Up My Mind"—Don Avery

"Stranger in Paradise"—A frosh at the prom

"Make Love to Me"—Gerry and Beanie

"Changing Partners"—Ronnie LaFleur

"Cross Over the Bridge"—Those certain sophs

"Trust in Me"—Charlie and Theresa

"Y' All Come"—To the Senior Play "Beauty and the Beef"

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Fashion-ating News

With Easter just around the corner, we'll discuss fashions for this big event. The most popular outfit this year is the suit. There are two main types of suits—the fitted suit and the boxy suit. The suits come in a variety of materials such as wool, faille, poodle cloth, and linen. Many suits are coming in with three pieces—the jacket, the skirt, and a blouse or jersey to match.

Your accessories will make your outfit complete. The shoes, hat, gloves, jewelry, and pocketbook should either blend in with your dress or suit, or be in direct contrast to it. To have a really smart outfit, choose one color for basic and use its light or dark shade with it, such as, beige with brown, or violet with purple. Three colors should be sufficient for any outfit—if you have any more, you'll look like a rainbow.

Will wonders ever cease! For you girls who spot your coats easily, they now have fluffy, feather-light toppers that can be washed. They are made of orlon fleece and nylon. The colors range from white to all pastels.

The color that's trying to steal the spotlight this year is bright orange! You must have noticed the displays downstreet—they play up the color orange. There are dresses, suits, blouses, and skirts—all in bright orange. The color orange should look well on a girl who has dark skin and dark hair.

There are many cute suits, dresses, and toppers for Easter—make sure that you buy the outfit that will suit you best!

Alumni

New we'll tell . . .

Shirley Taylor '51, received her ring from her one and only. Marilyn Binns, '49, and Ted Keyes, '49, are about to tie the knot.

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expecting twins! Liz (Pond) Danforth, '50 and her husband, Dick, are the proud parents of Garry Richard, class of 1971. Bobbie (Cameron) LaRiviere, '52, and Eddie are soon to be blessed with a little bundle from heaven.

Ginger Aselton, '52, was married on Washington's Birthday, as you probably heard. Liz Conway, '52, and Walter Meissner, '52, have recently said their "I do's."

Gale Ferry, '50, is president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta at the University and is assisted by Nancy (Pond) Hastings '50 as vice-president.

Margaret Snow '53 was capped at a recent ceremony at Deaconess School of Nursing in Boston. Ellen Claus, Kathy Crean and Barbara Borgatti received theirs recently also, from Springfield Hospital.

Ann Tate '53 is on the dean's list at Colby Jr. College and Joe Sliech '53 is on St. Michael's dean list.

George Dacey has recently received a position at Springfield Fire Marine Insurance Co.

Senior Scoops

The days are certainly flying by for the seniors. Everyone's busy serving on one committee or another.

The class of '54 has chosen green and white for their class colors. The inspiring class motto is "The past forever gone; the future still our own."

The class banquet and picnic, two major events of the senior year, are now in preparation. The banquet committees are as follows: Entertainment, Vaughan Kelley and Elliot Blackburn, co-chairmen. They are being assisted by Robert Anderson, Judy Peterson and Donaldine Roos. The Site Committee is headed by Philip Cardone with Cecily Danforth and Ray Saracino helping out.

Donaldine Roos is in charge of decorations. Her committee consists of Virginia Pisano, Shirley Mutti, Adrienne Grasso, Joan De Mars, Dolores Luccardi, Jean Maule, Vaughn Kelly, Theresa Morassi, Judy Slate and Marie Steeves.

The class picnic should prove to be a big success with John Cardone making the arrangements. He is being assisted by Carol Pallo, Frances Willard and Roger LeClerc.

Shirley Mutti and her committee, consisting of Adrienne Grasso, Donaldine Roos, Jim O'Keefe, and Ray Saracino, are busy thinking of a gift which will be presented to the high school.

The following seven students have been chosen on the steering committee for the Schem: Raymond Saracino, Jim O'Keefe, Marilyn Wilson, Philip Cardone, Cecily Danforth, John Cardone, and Mary Pond.



Question of the month: What, in your estimation, makes your life worthwhile?

Don Hastings — Watching Jane Masure go through her daily routine.

Shirley Mutti—A ride in a 1937 "Chevie."

Craig McEwan — Windsor, Connecticut.

Barbara Cheney—"Gordie!"

Tom O'Keefe — "You'd be surprised."

Judy Robinson — That certain freshman.

Butch Saracino — That certain sophomore.

Mary Flaro—Making people mad at me.

Vernon Stork—Girls!

Shirley Spinelli—Pleasing others.

Albert Fini—Food!

Terry Morassi—"Freedom of the Press"

Pete Cecchi—A flashy car.

Eleanor D'Amato—Week-ends.

Ricky Stahle—The letters I get from Millers Falls.

Janet Thorpe—The future after the Air Force.

Gerry Casiello—Looking forward to the future.

Joyce Mercadante—Dicky.

Charlie Grasso—2:45.

Beverly Marieb—God.

Sara Jo Cameron—The Navy.

Linda Knighton—To own my own baby-blue Cadillac.

Margery Morton — Friends, fun, and a little work mixed in.

Dora Papacini—Nothing but men.

Avalon Safford—Looking forward to have my dreams come true.

Jim O'Keefe—"Jeanie"

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F. T. A.

At a recent meeting Miss Miller spoke to the Future Teachers about Teachers' Clubs and organizations:

On April 10th, ten of the girls plan to go to Bridgewater, Conn., to attend a teachers' conference.

Tri-Hi-Y

On February 16, Mr. Lynch, director of the Boston School of Aviation, gave an interesting talk on the advantages, requirements and different jobs available in commercial aviation.

I. R. C.

A very interesting guest speaker, Mr. Norman Wood, a World War II veteran, spoke to the members of I. R. C. at the meeting on March 3. His unique and challenging subject was "Finding the Truth." He told of various incidents that occurred during the time he served in Germany.

I. R. C. members are also planning a future trip to the United Nations.

Personality Club

At a recent meeting, Craig McEwan led an interesting panel discussion entitled "Problems of the Family Car." The panel consisted of Vaughan Kelly, Janet Thorpe, Joan Provost, Donald Hastings, and Mr. Gammie.

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OLDER GIRLS' CONFERENCE

On Friday, March 5th, eleven Tri-Hi girls, Mary Pond, Shirley Mutti, Barbara Cheney, Marilyn Wilson, Berta Rubino, Theresa Wright, Julie Mercier, Theresa Morassi, Lynne Higgins, Cynthia Allen, Pat Bowne, and Miss Miller, Tri-Hi-Y advisor, left for an exciting three days in Beverly, Massachusetts.

The girls registered upon arrival in Beverly and then were guided to their respective homes.

The opening session started, as did every assembly, with Hubert Hill, one of the best known and most popular directors of community singing in New England, leading us in a few songs. He was very talented—sometimes leaving you laughing; other times, reverent.

Then Mr. Salome Rizk, a nationally known traveler, author, and lecturer, who lived as an orphan in Syria until he was twelve, told his heartbreaking story of his years in Syria and the inspiring story of his new faith found in Democracy and in America.

That night the girls ate at one of the Beverly churches. There was never a dull moment at supper with each town competing against the other by singing their school songs amidst the other commotions.

At the evening session we were introduced to Dr. Peter A. Bertocci, professor of philosophy at Boston University, who was our main speaker during the conference. His theme "What Makes Life Worthwhile" was divided into three parts, this address being "A Job to Do!"

Dr. Bertocci would speak for a short while, then, leaving us with questions in our minds, the entire assembly would divide into twenty-five groups in one of the nearby schools. Here each group, with its leader, would discuss Dr. Bertocci's talk and write out any questions they might have. Upon returning, Dr. Bertocci would answer as many of the questions as time permitted.

The girls then retired to their homes after a tiring day.

Bright and early Saturday morning at 9 o'clock (if you call that early!) Dr. Bertocci spoke on his second unit—"Someone to Love!" This topic proved most interesting to all the girls as it dealt a good deal with boys, and such subjects as going steady, dating, problem parents and gangs.

Before lunch a group picture was taken, but the Agawam girls were put up back and were hard to be seen.

That afternoon Dr. Bertocci concluded his lectures with "Something to Stand For!" He was a very forceful speaker and was wholly enjoyed by all.

We had a little free time that afternoon which was mostly spent in shopping and getting ready for the high point of the conference, the banquet and social program that evening.

After the banquet came the introductions and the installation of the 1955 conference officers, which were elected in assembly that morning.

"The Beverly Choristers" sang a few numbers then the dance began. Hi-Y boys from nearby cities joined the conference. The conference was composed of 650 girls from all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island and as there were about half as many boys, I heard one of them exclaim, "What a way to die!"

Sunday morning and part of the afternoon was spent with your hosts. The people of Beverly were friendly and made us feel right at home.

At 3 o'clock the closing session began with Mr. Hill leading us in songs. Leonard Clough gave the final address "No Hill Too High," which was the theme of the conference.

He summed up the entire conference and everyone felt a little sad at the thought of leaving for home after such a wonderful and inspiring Older Girls' Conference.

"Words"

(Exchange news from Northampton Student Review)

Did you ever stop to think
That the words you often say
Can cut just like a knife
But in a very different way?
Did you ever stop to think
How cruel a word can be?
It can hurt beyond all measure
More than anyone can see.
In a small, but angry moment,
When your temper gets the best,
You say the things you don't mean,
Or you might say them in jest.
But when the anger is over
Or the joke is all but through,
Don't you know the hurt still lingers
From the words that came from you?
So be careful what you say, my friend,
Or whom you say it to.
Just think how what you say would sound
If it were said to you.

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Students to Attend A.I.C. Model Congress

On April ninth and tenth of this year, American International College will hold its 14th annual Model Congress. The purpose of the Congress is to show the high school students of this region how our government works by allowing them to participate in it.

The Model Congress adheres very closely to our Congress in Washington. The students introduce bills, take them through committee, and defend them on the floor of either the House or the Senate.

Arlene Egbert, Jane Masure, Theresa Morassi, Laurence Gallerani, Chester Nicora, Donald Hastings, Richard Davenport, and John Bumsted have been chosen to represent Agawam at the Congress. We wish them all the best of luck, and hope they pass every one of the bills they introduce.

Library News

Here are the librarians who will help you with your selection of books in the library. They are Donald Hastings, John Bumstead, Anita Rosso, Donaldine Roos, Joyce Sullivan, Frances Radwilowicz, Carol Pallo, and Sandra Fagnani.

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Here we go with latest news that all the high school is talking about—reports have it that a certain car just happens to stall every time a cute boy passes!—is that so . . . Del. L.? Muriel Fleming — Does your head swell, and your brain throb? Betty V. . . . Every sixth period? Charlie G. "Undecided!" Carolyn—a victory over West Side! Roger Phaneuf . . . Did you find the right girl yet? Shirley W. . . . that certain boy in history class! Barb B. . . . Some party! Virginia Scola . . . "Secret Love" at Tech! Skip S. . . . Classical's bubblers are used to drink out of! Nancy H. . . . Which do you like better, the job, or the boss? Marilyn M. . . . Could it be Dave in room 6? Why the sudden interest in accordians—Marie? Dick C. . . . What! Girl trouble again! Marilyn W. . . . stuffed with pizza and potato chips? Pat. B. . . . How do you like Westfield now? Mary Brooks . . . Why do you like going to the Y.M.C.A.? L. Bontempo—who got you out of a jam? Shirley P. . . . Why the sudden interest in football? Tom M. . . . Is it Betty O. now? Eleanor D. . . . What's the matter? Need a cupid? Peggy C. . . . Is his first name Bill? Betty Ann C. . . . If at first you don't succeed—Gerry C. & Storky—alias Mutt and Jeff! A. Liquori—did you wear that sharp suit for the pictures, or for—? Did anyone know that a certain group of Seniors have been taking a personality poll? Ask them what the results were. What say, Dan, Finn, & Chick? Adrienne . . . Why 12 o'clock? straight home! Berta R. . . . Don't give up the ship! D. Roos—heard from Dave, yet? Judy P. . . . How many more moons? Gail . . . 70 miles per hour? Betty Voislow . . . Why are you all smiles in French- Susie Y. . . . Why don't you want to go to the band concert? A gift Jean B. . . . a special meeting. Craig M. . . . How's the weather in Windsor? Tommy . . . "Bachelor Boy."

Well that closes your favorite column for this month, but we'll be watching you closely. See you all at the Senior Play.

Agawam Indian Says:

When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

Be pleasant until ten o'clock in the morning, and the rest of the day will take care of itself.

Not what you do, but how you do

THE IMMIGRANT

By Lucia Alfano

He was a tall, dark, sturdy man with a handle bar moustache, looking like the typical immigrant as he stepped off the ship that day about fifty years ago. With him was his wife, a shortstocky, fair-haired woman. As he looked around, he saw America, the country, which meant so much to everyone, the land of opportunity. This place was now his home, and he had to adjust himself to it.

Settling in a crowded Italian section of the city, he tried to change America so it would be like his old country. He got a job with the brewery, driving horses. This he loved. There had been horses for him in Italy, and now he had some horses in America, too. The winters were rough, and often icicles hung from his moustache as he, entirely wrapped in blankets, drove his horses. This and other hardships were endured with the hope that someday he might return to his native land and live the life of luxury.

As too often is the case, things don't work out just as we planned, and a son was born to this man. Now there was no desire to go back to the old country. This place America had to be his home—for a while anyway.

He continued his routine way of life, which wasn't much different from old country life; but one day after a little spat with his wife, he put his life earnings in his pocket and left. When he returned that night, he felt in his pocket, but the money—it was gone. Dear Lord, where could it be? He'd been to hundreds of places that day. There was only one person who could find that money, St. Anthony. Praying and praying he couldn't remember where it was. That night he dreamt it was in one of the barrels at the brewery. In the morning he went immediately to the barrel, and there the money lay. The man wept; the good saint was so kind to him, a sinner.

The years passed; his children grew up. He decided to go to his native land for a visit. While in Italy, he met a friend who was in the business of sending people to America illegally. His friend asked him if he wouldn't take a poor woman back to America with him, saying she was his wife. He hesitated, but always being ready to help a friend he agreed. Departing together as man and wife, she traveled third class while he traveled second class. It never occurred to him what a strange set-up this was, but the newspapermen thought it was quite a story, and the front page of the paper had this headline "Gentleman travels second class, but his wife travels third class." There was quite a storm when his wife heard that her husband was now a bigamist, and government officials investigated this little plot. Luckily, things were settled without too much harm being done.

Things returned to normal without this man changing one bit. He was still the stern father his children remembered. One night his son failed to return home from football practice; his wife wept at the thought that her son must have met some terrible fate. Not the man, he just stood beside her and angrily said, "I'll fix him for this."

He did fix him. When his son returned there was no open-arm welcome, instead he pulled off his belt and started in pursuit of his son. Out of the house and up the street he ran, but the man had forgotten something—no belt was holding up his pants. Then it happened; at the end of the street he lost his pants. This didn't stop him, he kept right on chasing and gave his son the promised beating. This man was one who kept his word.

Who was this man so stern in manner, strong in faith, and devoted in his friendships? My grandfather, of course, but I remember him only as a man with a child's brain. Why? When he was at work one day, he fell in a manhole and injured his brain. After this, day by day he became more like a child. First he lost his power to reason, then his speech, then his ability to walk. Doctors could find no cure for this disease and this man, my grandfather, lived an invalid for the last ten years of his life. This was a rare disease, but he was a rare man, true to his friends, to his relations and above all to his God.

it, is the best of your capacity.

If I cannot do great things. I can do small things in a great way.

They can, because they believe they can.

Make the most of yourself for that is all there is of you.

When the outlook is not so good, try the uplook.

I would rather be able to appreciate things I cannot have, than to have things I am not able to appreciate.

New Freshman

On Tuesday, March 9, David Thoby arrived for his first day at Agawam High. He formerly lived in Berlin, Connecticut and attended the "Berlin High School." He is taking the general course and for his career he plans to be a mechanic. His interest in hot rods occupies most of his spare time. When asked what he thought of Agawam, he replied, "Agawam is a nice school." The atmosphere of all the students being so friendly also fascinates him.

Overheard in the Junior High

Well, here we are down in the Junior High again and raring to go. First item on the agenda—S. Prew—Have you found your girl yet? Emilio S.—Is it Faye or Dorothy? Patty A.—that certain boy named Tommy! Kenny M.—Once you had no "Secret Love"! D. Richardson . . . Come on, Red! . . . Fred W. . . . That special red-head! Broch and Goat—The Bomber Boys! Sandy M. . . . Whose ring are you wearing? Pito and Marlene—Tex and Mugsy! Thelma . . . What happened to the boy in room 4? S. Mercier—"Save me a seat!" Mary G. . . . Still waiting for the Marine's letter? Pat. M. . . . What happened to P. H.? B. Mills—"the roving kind" . . . Judy H. . . . "feudin, fussin, and a fightin!" Cathie H. . . . Hush, Cathie! Glo D. . . . steady correspondence with Bill! Elliot O. . . . those snazzy colors! Judy C. . . . Which was the harder—getting him, or keeping him? Susan B. . . . That boy in room 11! B. Bellano . . . that Sunday at the Paramount! Phil . . . Oh, those crazy white bucks! Termite . . . Who's next on your list? E. Blazak . . . You just can't win! Janet C. . . . Who is the mystery man in room 2. Dick M. "Love'em and Leave'em."

That's about it for this month, but be careful, because we'll be back soon!

Mr. L. "This gas contains a deadly poison. What steps would you take if it escaped?"

Jim B. "Long ones, sir."

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Baseball – The Forgotten School Sport

Baseball, "America's Pastime," does not seem to be the pastime of the students and townspeople of Agawam. Agawam, of course, is not the only community that fails to support high school baseball. The big tourney game for the Western Mass. title never draws more than 500 fans. While in comparison, 18,000 will watch the big football games and 4,000, the champion basketball game.

What is the reason for the lack of support given to high school baseball? Probably the main reason is that games are played at a inconvenient time. Most games are played at 3:15 on Tuesday or Friday afternoon. At this time very few of the townspeople are out of work. So how can they get to the games? A way of solving this problem would be scheduling games on Saturdays.

Agawam has been known for its wonderful spirit and for the support it gives its athletic teams. Since the townspeople are unable to attend the games, it is the responsibility of the students to support the team.

The cheerleaders will try their best to help support the team morally but six girls can't do all the work. Are the students, from the 7th graders to the seniors, must be at all the games.

The cheerleaders will try to get busses for road games. If they do, try your hardest to get to the games. Let Agawam High School lead in the revival of high school baseball. It is a grand sport that should not die, and only you, a student of Agawam High, can keep it alive.

Red Cross News

Some of Agawam's fine art students have already sent their contributions to the Red Cross International Art contest. If the drawings are selected they are exhibited in many foreign countries.

The names, classes, and drawing titles are:

"Relaxation" — Sandra Saitto — freshman

"Flying Kites on a Windy Day" — Marion Templeman — sophomore

"Man Hunting with Shotgun" — Christopher Hodges — freshmen

"Children at Play" — Cecily Danforth — senior

"Make Way for Construction" — Barry Simpson — seventh

"Playing Hockey" — Dorothy Roos — sophomore

"Christmas Shopping" — Susan LaFrancis — sophomore

Four students from Agawam entered last year and their drawings were all accepted. This exhibition is one way in which the Red Cross is trying to make a friendly relationship between the United States and foreign countries.

Good luck, to all our artists!

Papermania

(Exchange news from the Classical Recorder)

The French teacher has put the thick pile of fresh white-lined papers on her desk for the students' homework, and she has left the room "pour un moment." A stampede to the desk! A mad scramble! No papers left!

The math pupils enter the classroom and head directly for the table on which the bright yellow paper is, and with a vicious lunge, each takes a fat helping.

In 26 the students make a steady

procession to the ever-demanded parchment, and gloat over their spoils.

Why? Surely, nearly all these paper hoarders needed not more than one half the amount that they took. What is it about a simple innocent piece of paper that makes a student take another and yet another, regardless of whether he has any writing to do or not? Does he just want to look studious? Or does he simply take delight in getting something, anything "for free"? If it's the former—he doesn't! If the latter—just remind him of the little business of taxes. Whatever the case may be—stop him!

CLOCKWISE

A jeweler had been watching closely a man who stopped in front of his store every morning to set his watch by the clock in the window. Finally one morning he approached him.

"Sir," he said, "every morning I notice you set your watch by the clock in my window. Maybe you'd better let me check your watch so it will always keep the right time."

"Oh, no," replied the watch-setter. "You see I blow the starting and quitting whistle at the plant where I work, and I have to set my watch by your clock so that the whistle will always be blown on time."

The jeweler was somewhat startled. "Mister," he said, "I got news for you. I set that clock every morning by your whistle."

LAUGHS

Joe: "Hey, Tom! Did you know that there are only six days in the week? Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday."

Tom: "What happened to Friday?"

Joe: "He's out on a case." Dum de dum dum!

Baseball Schedule

The schedule of Agawam's baseball games is as follows:

April 15—at Ware
20—Enfield
23—at South Hadley
May 4—Easthampton
7—at Ludlow
11—Palmer
14—at West Side
18—Ware
21—at Enfield
25—South Hadley
28—at Easthampton
June 1—Ludlow
4—at Palmer
8—West Side

There will be more games than those listed. The schedule for exhibition games has not yet been completed.

"I Love"

I love the sun, I love the rain,
I love the mountains, I love the plains,
I love the sky where ever I go,
Because they have it in this country
Which I love so.

I love the sound of people's voices,
I love the sound of the city noises,
I love the world in which I live,
I love the blood each soldier gives,
So that his loved ones may live.

I love the way the teacher's teach,
I love the sound of toddling feet,
I love the way that people eat,
I love the way that we can sleep.

I love the way we are taught to pray,
So that we may see another day.
I love to act, I love to sing,
I love the beginning of every Spring.
Vaughn Kelly '54

JAMES REARDON AWARDED

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entation of the coveted Bay State Farmer Award to Charles Granger and Ralph D'Amato. (2) presentation of the F.F.A. Farm Safety Award to the Agawam chapter, (3) presentation of Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees to the parents of the officers; to the parents who aided in raising money for the trip to the National F.F.A. convention, and to individuals who have rendered service to the F.F.A., (4) announcement of the newly elected officers as: President, William Martel; vice-president, Stanley Osowiecki; secretary, Robert Wilmes; treasurer, Avon Perkins; reporter, Donald Hall; sentinel, Clyde Light; and photographer, Stanley Lipski.

Mother: "What in the world has happened to you? Your shirt is full of holes?"

Tommy: "We've been playing grocery store, and I was the Swiss cheese."

Bumsted's Words For the Birds

The best way to get rid of a noise in your car is to let her drive.

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains, because the average boy can see better than he can think.

Long-playing records aren't going over very well in Russia. The Communists seem to prefer the old ones with 78 revolutions per minute.

Give some people an inch, and they want to become a ruler.

Consider the whale: The only time he gets into trouble is when he stops swimming and starts to blow.

When Columbus started out he didn't know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was; when he got back he didn't know where he had been—and he did it all on borrowed money. What a politician he would have made!

When down in the mouth remember Jonah; he came out all right!

Tact is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were.

An echo is the only thing that can cheat some people out of having the last word.

Discretion is something that comes to a person after he is too old for it to do him much good.

The peak of embarrassment is reached when two eyes meet through one key-hole.

Do you want success in high school? If so:

- 1—Have a car.
- 2—Be congenial.
- 3—Have a car.
- 4—Be handsome.
- 5—Have a car.

When politicians start calling each other names in this campaign, for the first time in history, they'll all be true.

Can you operate a typewriter? Yes, sir, I use the Biblical system. I never heard of it.
"Seek and ye shall find."

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